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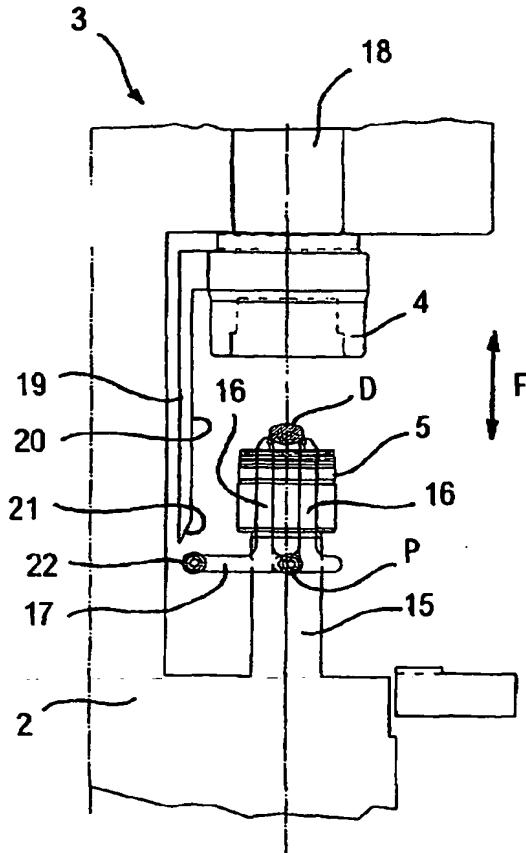
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(54) Title: COMPRESSION MOULDING APPARATUS, METHODS AND ITEM



(57) Abstract: An apparatus comprises a moulding unit (3; 3a) having a punch (5; 5a) and a mould cavity (4; 4a) movable along a path between an open position in which said punch (5; 5a) and said mould cavity (4; 4a) are distanced apart from each other to receive a dose (D) of plastics therebetween, and a closed position in which said punch (5; 5a) and said mould cavity (4; 4a) interact to form an item by pressing said dose (D), said punch (5; 5a) being kept not above said cavity (4; 4a) along said path.

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